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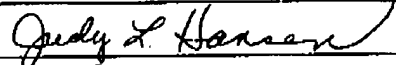
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 11, 2004 and the Notice of Appeal filed November 11, 2004 in the above-identified application. Applicants believe this response is being submitted within the shortened statutory period for response set by the Examiner, thus no additional fees are due. Applicants request that any additional fees required for the consideration of this response be charged to Deposit Account 13-3723.